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PREFACE.

A NEED still existing in our Sunday Schools and social meetings for hymns and tunes of solidity and character, the following collection is herewith presented, with the hope of supplying as far as possible this want.

It has been the purpose of the editor, First, to introduce only such hymns as shall be bright and helpful to the young, and elevating in Christian purpose to the older. Second, to use such music as shall not only be pleasing and attractive, but which, though not difficult, shall have dignity and character sufficient to repay all who spend the necessary time to become familiar with it.

Examination will show that it contains music specially adapted to the great festal days of The Church,

CHRISTMAS AND EASTER,

AS WELL AS FOR

Anniversary Occasions, Temperance Meetings, etc., etc.

In addition to the above, will be found a new Cantata for Sunday School exhibitions, entitled

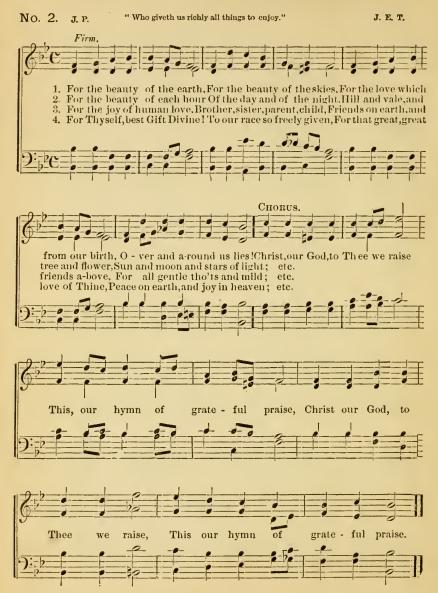
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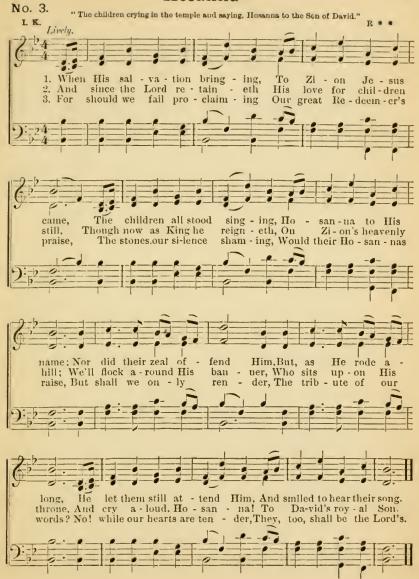
to which careful attention is respectfully invited. It is religious in character, and simple in construction, which renders it suitable for performance by schools of all grades.

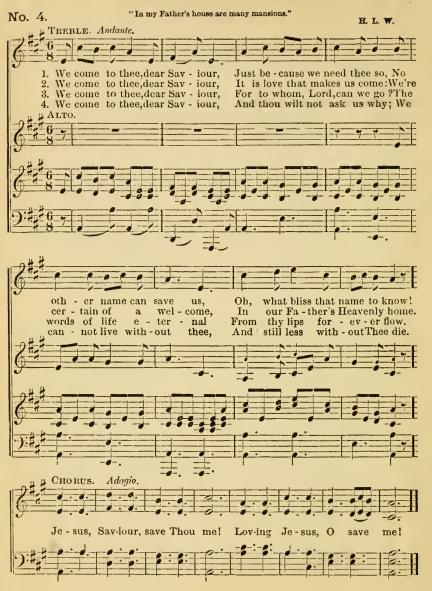
That this collection may meet with the measure of success which it deserves is the earnest wish of

THE EDITOR.





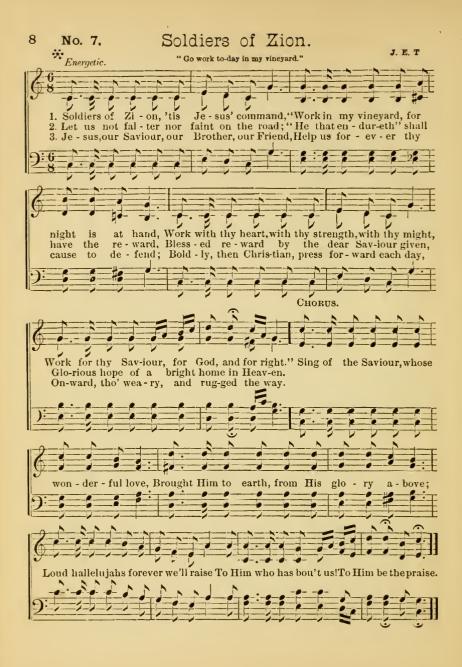






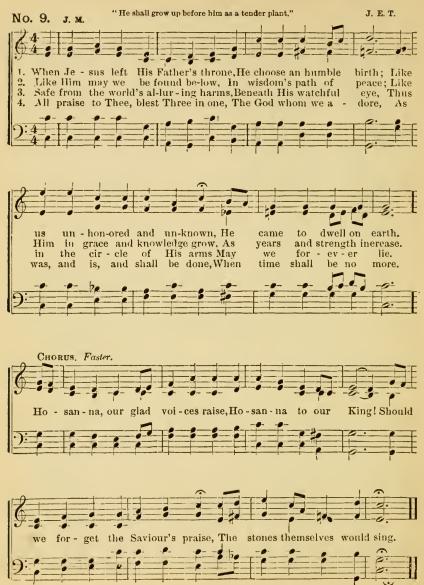
Jesus, Meek and Gentle.







When Jesus left His Father's Throne.



I need Thee, precious Jesus.



No. 11. Forward! be our watchword.



"There am I in the midst of them." W. O. P. No. 12. E. R. L. By Permission. 1. Je-sus, Thou hast promis'd, That when two or three, In thy name have But we need thy Je-sus, Thou hast met us, Oft in seasons past;
 Je-sus, tune our voi - ces, To the songs of praise! Be in each pe gathered, Thou wilt present be! And, thy word believing, Now in pray'r we presence, With us to the last; Come, oh blessed Saviour, And thy grace disti-tion, That to thee we raise! Let our faith grow stronger, And our hope more CHORUS. Je-sus, come and bless us! Lord, thyself re-veal! Jesus, come and play! Hear us and accept us! Bless us while we pray! bright; Let our love be pur-er, And our path more light! bless us, While we linger here, Jesus, come and bless us, Be thou ever near.

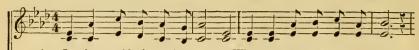


Happy Home.

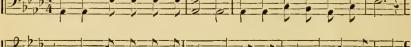
No. 15.

"There remaineth therefore a rest."

W. O. P. By Permission.



- 1. In that world of an-cient sto-ry, Where no storms can ever come,
 2. There with in the heavinly mansions, Where life's river flows so clear,
- 3. There with ho ly angels dwelling, Where the ransomed wander free,
- 4. There a mid the shin-ing numbers, All our toils and la-bors o'er,



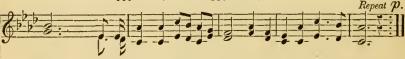


Where the Sav-iour dwells in glo - ry, There re-mains for us a home. We shall see our bless-ed Sav-iour, If we love and serve him here. Je - sus' prais-es ev - er tell - ing. Sing we through e - ter - ni - ty. Where the Guardian nev-er slumbers, We shall dwell for ev - er - more.





Happy home, Happy home,

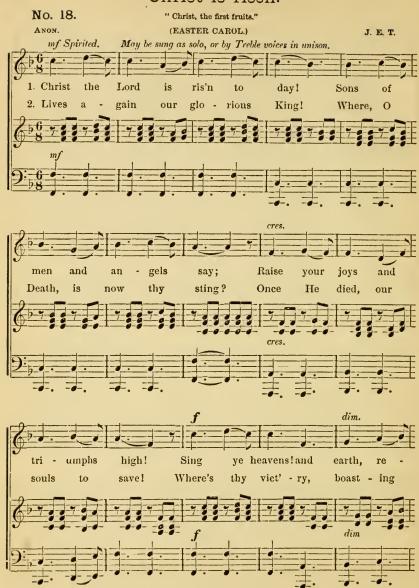


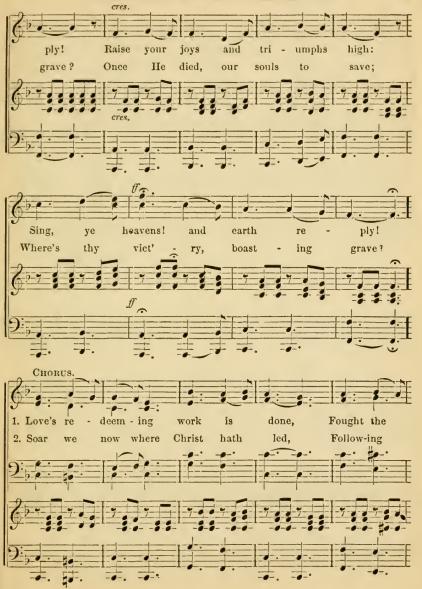
come, To that land of bliss and glo - ry, Our happy, happy home.

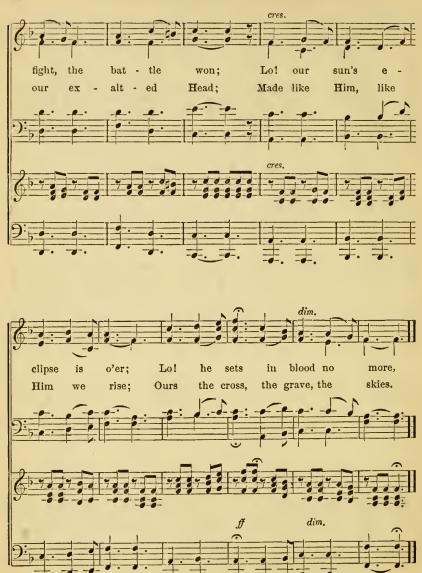








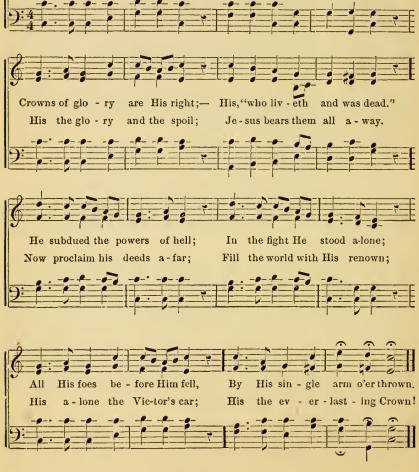




No. 19.

"For to this end, Christ both died, and rose, and revived."







Sinner, come to Jesus.

No. 23. "A new heart also will I give you." W. O. P. E. R. L. By Permission. 1. Sin - ner, come to Thou in dan-ger Je sus! art! Slight no more His 2. Sin - ner, come to Je sus! love! 3. Sin - ner, come to Je Leav-ing ev' - ry weight! sus! Give Him now thy not long - er tar - ry! heart, He thy soul hath ran - somed For a home a bove, is call - ing! Come, while He Soon 'twill be too late! Long hast thou been wait - ing, Though He long hath called thee, re-pent and live! With His will so sweet, On the rug - ged moun - tain, He for sin - ners died!





No. 25.





At the feet of Jesus.

No. 28.

"And stood at his feet behind him weeping."



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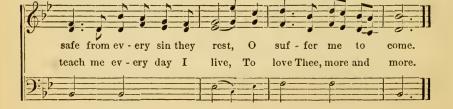
O Suffer me to Come.

No. 29.

INFANT SCHOOL.

"Suffer little children to come unto me."

ANNA B. Rev. G. G. P. Saviour, hear a lit-tle child, Who knows not how to pray: On ask Thee for a heart to try, To please Thee day by day, earth Thy face so meek and mild, Was nev - er turned a - way, to lead me back, when I From Thy commandments stray, chil-dren gathered to thy breast, Have found a bless-ed home, Where Thou, O Lord, my sins for - give, The sins that wound Thee sore, And

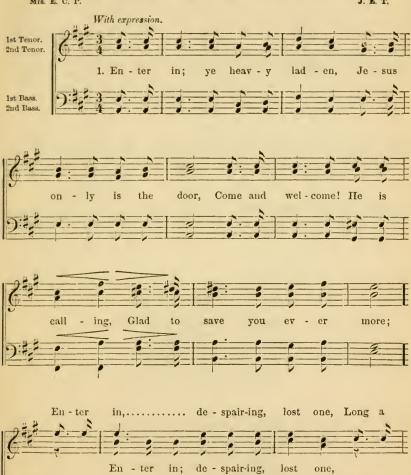


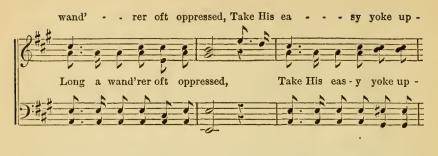
No. 30.

"I am the door, by Me, if any man enter in, He shall be saved."

(Male voices unaccompanied. If desirable, Alto Voices may sing 1st Tenor part.)

Mrs. E. C. P.







2

Enter in; sin burdened, weary,
Now the cleansing waters flow,
Jesus' blood shall make you whiter
Than the newly fallen snow.
Enter in; vain, other refuge,
Jesus only is the door,
And as many as receive Him
Shall be saved, and thirst no more.

3

Enterin; be saved from darkness,
Terror dread, impending woe;
Once in Jesus, freed from evil,
Like a river, peace shall flow,
Enter in; be saved forever
From the bondage of thy sin,
Listening to the voice of Jesus,
Life eternal thou shalt win!

No. 31.

"Feed my sheep."

(Male voices unaccompanied. If desirable, Alto voices may sing 1st Tenor part.) Mrs. E. C. P.

J. E. T. 1. A - wake from thy slumber, This tho't ev - er keep; "The Good Shep-herd giv - eth His life for the sheep;" A wake and be faith-ful A lit - tle while here, And cres. show that thou lov - est The Shep - herd to cheer.



He saith "If thou lov'st me,"
Thou gladly wil't speed
To seek for my wand'rers,
And carefully feed.
They're lost on the mountains,
They wander away
Far from the fold's shelter,
And brightness of day.

By wolves are they threatened
Afar from the Rock,
"The wolves in sheep's clothing
Are scatt'ring the flock!"
The ninety and nine leave;
Go seek for the lost;
The wand'rers bring to me,
Whatever the cost!"

No. 32.





2

Lord, my soul in tears would mourn,
All the anguish Thou hast borne;
In the garden, I would be
Lonely watcher still with Thee.
Thou hast suffered, Thou hast bled,
Thorns have pierced Thy sacred head;
Jesus, while I cling to Thee,
Let Thy sorrow, plead for me.

3

Mocked and scourged, condemned to die,
On the cross extended high,
Tenant of the lonely tomb,
Mighty conqueror o'er its gloom;
Crowned victorious, God of love,
To thy Father's home above,
Grant my soul a place at last
Where the storms of life are past.

No. 33.

"When He seeth the blood upon the lintel, the Lord will not suffer the destroyer to smite you."

Rev. W. T. S. Rev. G. G. P. The spotless Lamb is chosen and slain, His poured out blood is free; 2. The lin-tel blood a to-ken shall be, A bove the door of thy cot; By
3. Then gird thy loins and wait the word, Thy shoes on, and staff in hand; When fear-ful cry shall rend the air; But where He sees the blood, No hys-sop bough is read - y now, The feast is waiting for God's command, the destroying hand, Shall pass and hurt thee thee. God's great might thy foes shall smite, To start for the Promised Land. plague can harm, nor death a-larm, Saved by the Lamb CHORUS. has the blood been sprinkled well, The blood above thy cottage door; The a-tone, And give sal - va-tion for ev - er-more.

The Peace of God.

No. 34.

"The Lord will bless His people with peace."



Wake the Anthem, wild and free.

No. 35.



Sons of God, O can it be!

No. 36.



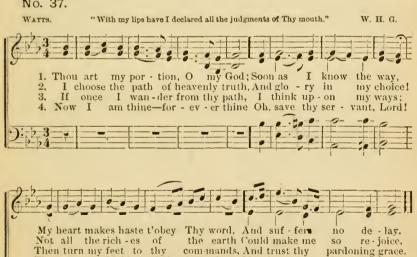
Sons of God. O can it be! Concluded.

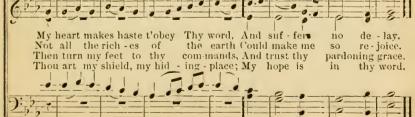


- 2 Dost thou robe us, we possess Thine own perfect righteousness! By Thy Spirit led, are free In our access, Lord, to Thee. We may ask whate'er we will Our petition Thou'lt fulfil, : If we simply make our claim
 - In Thine all prevailing Name!:
- 3 "Sons of God!" then each an heir, And will in Thy Kingdom share, Where the ills of earth are o'er On the promised happy shore. Doth the looked-for city's light Now illume departing night!
- #: Soon our names will Jesus own 'Mid the glory of His throne!:

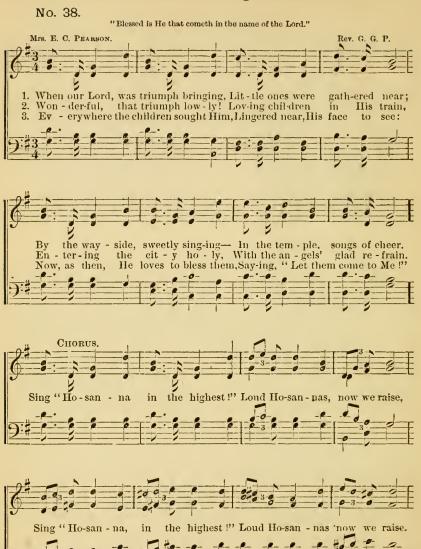
Thou art my portion, O my God.

No. 37.



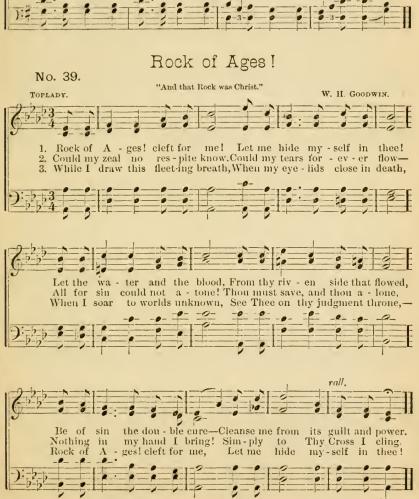


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The Children Sang Hosanna. Concluded. 43



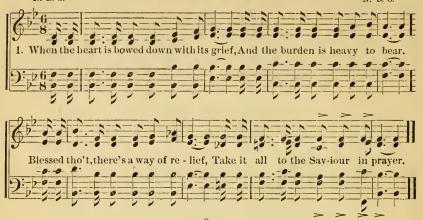


No. 40.

"And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret."

N. B. S.

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When the way is both rugged and steep,
And the storm the whole Heaven doth fill,
The sweet voice that can calm the great deep,
Then will whisper to thee, "Peace, be still."

A Prayer.





Jesus, Lover of my Soul.

No. 43.

"He only is my rock, and my salvation."



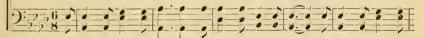
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"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life."

E. R. LATTA. Miss H. E. C.



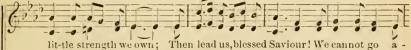
1. Our feet are apt to wan-der, To leave the narrow way; Our lips are apt to 2. We want to be thy servants, Thy ho-ly will to do; To la-bor in thy 3. The way is very narrow, Where Thou would'st have us go; And many paths for-





ut-ter, The words we should not say. For we are on - ly chil - dren, But vineyard, With purpose, ever true. But we are weak and err - ing, And bid-den, May lead us off, we know, When here our work is fin - ished, Oh,





lit-tle strength we own; Then lead us, blessed Saviour! We cannot go a - need Thy loving tone; To cheer us on, dear Saviour! We cannot go a - bring us to Thy throne, Dear Saviour, ever guide us; We cannot go a -





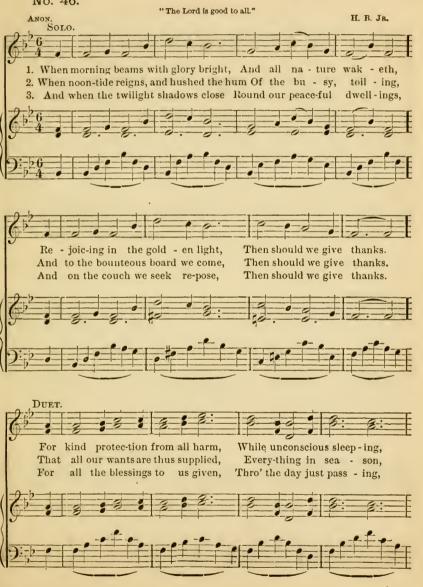
The Lost One Found.

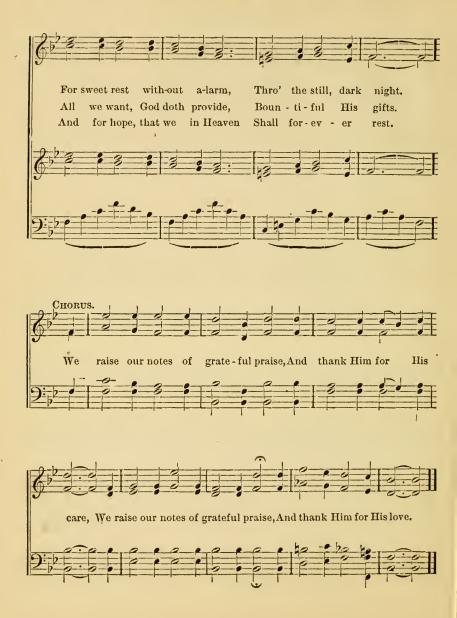
No. 45.

"And go after that which is lost until he find it."

W. G. FISCHER. April 16, 79. Mrs. EMILY C. PEARSON. 1. Wand'ring from my Heavenly Fa-ther, And the safe-ty I in His sight so pre-cious, I the rebel wand'rer weak, was dy-ing in the darkness, Dy-ing with no one to save, est mu-sic, far ex-cel-ling. Waft-ed from the Throne around, was dy-ing in Sweet-est mu-sic, far Far I strayed in wilds of dark-ness, Famished, dy-ing in the cold. That the Lord of glo - ry leav-eth All the righteous me to seek? Till the Shep-herd came to seek me, And I'd on -ly to be-lieve! They in heaven with gladness tell-ing That the Lord His lost has found. Thou didst send to call me Fa-ther! I am com-ing Bear-ing me, He re-joic-ing, Thou dost welcome Thy lost

When morning beams with glory bright. 49

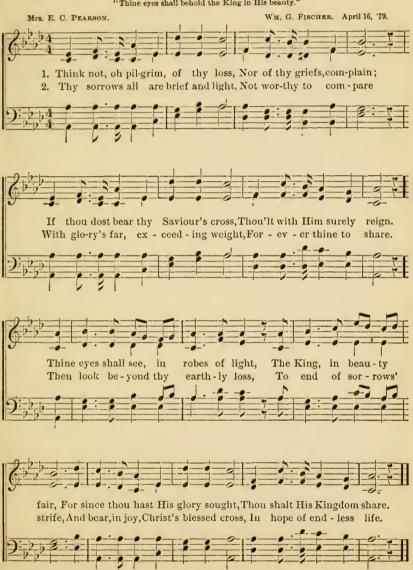




Look Beyond.

No. 47.

"Thine eyes shall behold the King in His beauty."











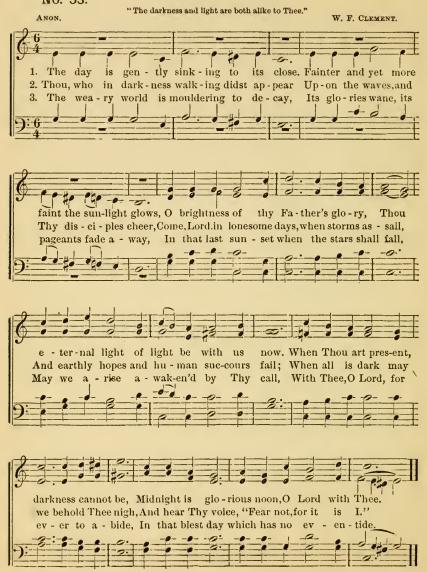




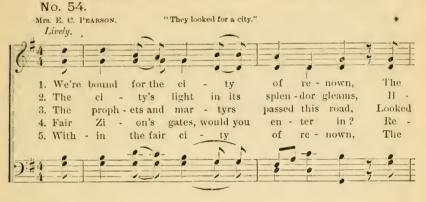
Do not I love Thee, O my Lord.

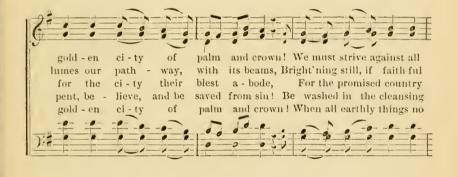


The day is gently sinking to its close. No. 53.



We're bound for the City of Renown. 57













No. 58. "Escape for thy life! look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain." Mrs. E. C. PEARSON. For pre-cious life tar - ry not in all the plain! For pre-cious life I flee! I'll tar - ry not in all the plain! will my Lord receive. I'll tar - ry not in the plain? all Where un - belief would stay, all For Thou dost hold my hand, can-not stay in the plain! Unsaved my God, by Un-saved my God, by Thee. shall per - ish in the storm. For ev - ery one can be His child, Who will on Him believe. But with my eye on heights a-bove, I'll tread the narrow way. I reach the glorious land. lead me, Lord, un-til To Thee, O Christ, I CHORUS. To Thee, Oh Rock of strength, I come, "Ye wea-ry, come to call - ing, Come and rest,





No. 61.

NO. 01.

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross."

Rev. G. G. Phipps.



1. Je - sus, re - fuge of the wea-ry, Ob-ject of the Spir-it's love, Fountain 2. So in praise and rapture blending, Might my fading eyes grow dim, While the







Je - sus, would my heart were burning, With more viv - id love to Then, in glo - ry, part-ed nev - er From the bless - ed Saviour's





Thee, Would my eyes were ev - er turning, To Thy cross of a - go - ny. side, Graven on my heart for ev - er, Be the cross and Cruci - fied!



No. 62.

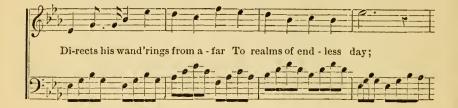
"Faith which worketh by love."

ANON.

(FOR SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERTS.)

H. B. Jr.



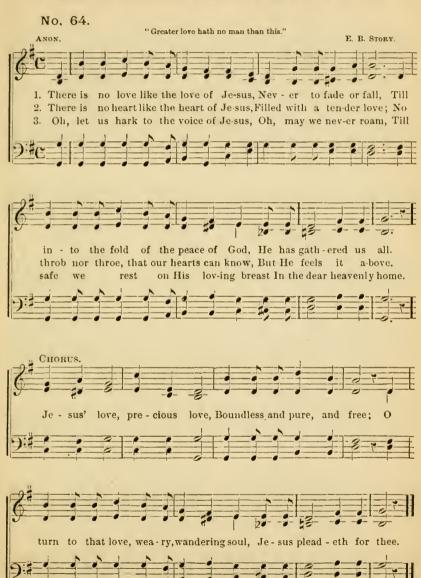






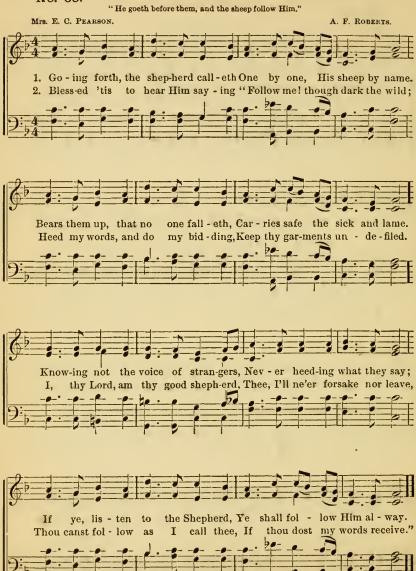






The Good Shepherd.

No. 65.



Jesus is the Children's Friend.



70 Jesus is the Children's Friend. Continued.







"Bring all the tithes into the store-house."

E. B. STORY.

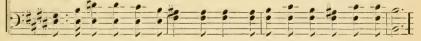


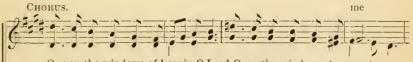
- 1. In to Thy store-house, O Lord, I come, Bringing my tithes to Thee,
- 2. Now I will prove Thee, herewith, O Lord, Emp-ty, I come to Thee;
- 3. Glo-ry to Je · sus! He hears my pray'r, Je sus him-self has come;



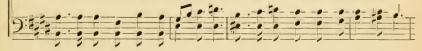


O - pen the windows of heav'n, O Lord, And pour out a blessing on me. All that I have, I now con - secrate, Thine ev - er-more, Lord, I would be. Showers of blessing now fall on me; Lord, o-pen my heart to make room.





O-pen the windows of heav'n, O Lord, Open the windows to me, to me,

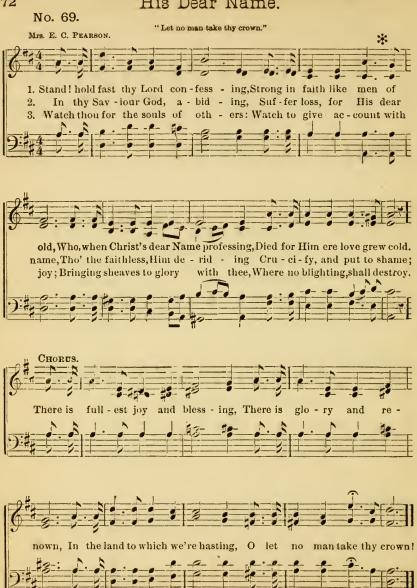




Pour out rich blessings of peace and love, And let me catch glimpses of Thee.



His Dear Name.



Jesus is calling for the Children.

No. 70.

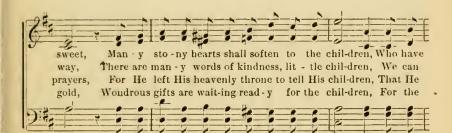
"Son, Daughter, give me thine heart."

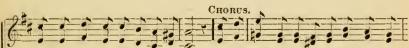
E. B. STORY.



- Oh! be happy, oh! be joyful little children, For the work of God is wonderfully
 Let us try to be like Jesus, little children, Let us scatter deeds of love along our
- 2. Let us try to be like Jesus, little children, Let us scatter deeds of love along our 3. Our Jesus is the friend of little children, And He never tires of listening to their
- 4. Up in Heaven there's a place for all the children, In the land of pearly gates and streets of







on - ly learn'd to live at Jesus' feet. Hear the voice of Jesus calling for the ut-ter for the Saviour every day.

loves to bear their troubles and their cares.

lit - tle ones of Jesus' precious fold.







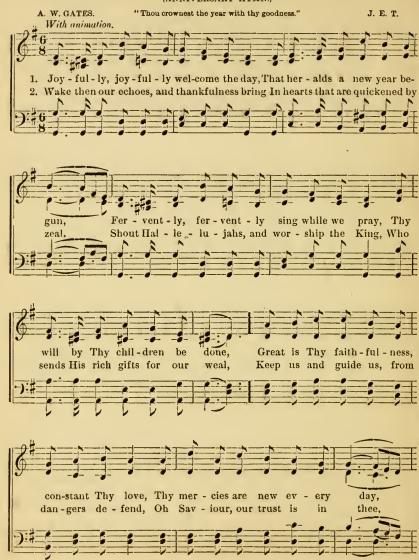
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Joyfully, Joyfully welcome the day.

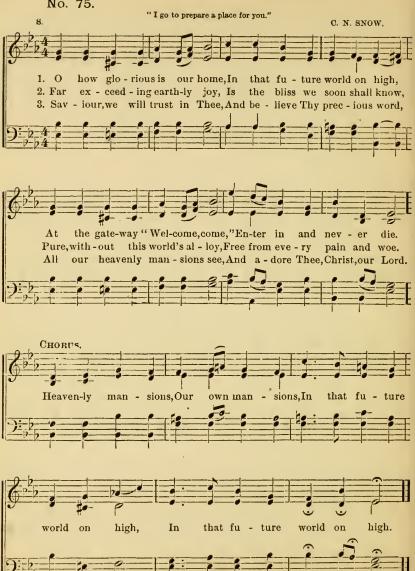
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Just because He loves me, Just because He loves me, He then will take my hand. Just because He loves me, Just because He loves me, Then He will take me home.

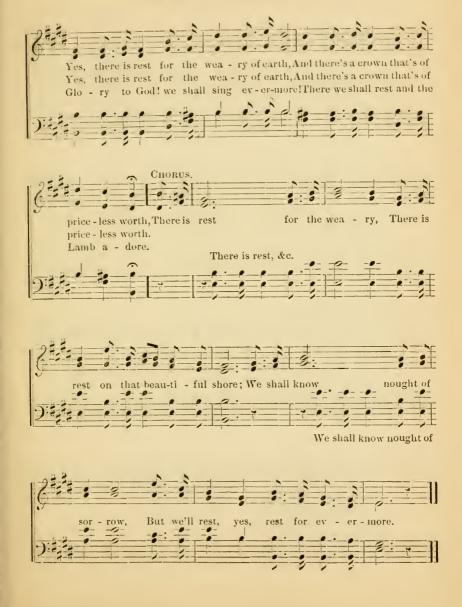




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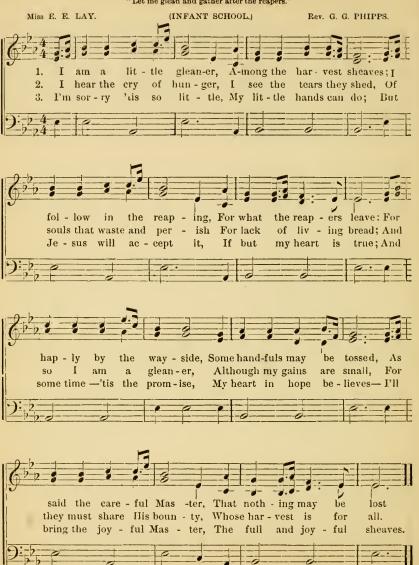
Rest for the Weary. 80 No. 77. "Be thou faithful unto death." A. B. C. A. BYRON CONDO. of the dark-ness and in - to the light, Out of the shadows and ver the tide, on the ra-diant shore, Where all the blood-bo't have Out let us trust in the hand that will guide, To that bright home there for-Then gloom of the night, Out of the sor - row and out gloom of the night, Out of the bold gone on be-fore, There with de-light, sing ing 'till 'be Patient ly wait ing 'till in loud ac-claim. Je sus shall come. Freed from the toil and the cares of life: O - ver the waves of Un - end-ing praise to the Mas-ter's name: Where all the part - ed Pa - tient-ly toil - ing 'till life's work's done; Anchored at last In of the cold chil-ly flood, In worlds of bliss in the earth meet at last, And all the sor - rows of "sweet by and by," Safe-ly at home in the of the home the loved: life are o'er-pass'd; the king - dom on high,



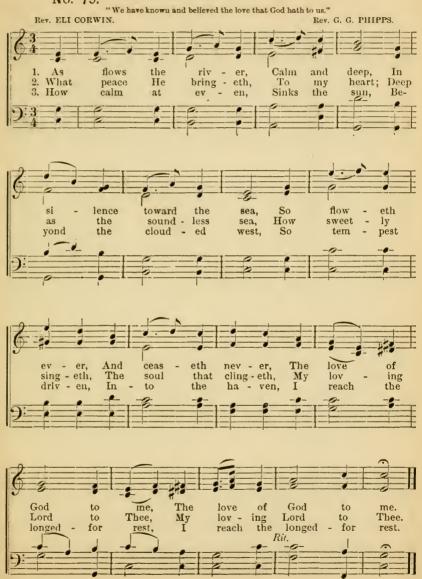
The Little Gleaner.

No. 78.

"Let me glean and gather after the reapers."



No. 79.



Words of Promise.

No. 80.

"I am the light of the world."

A. B. CONDO.



- 1. List to the sto-ry Je-sus hath spoken, Unto His children great and small;
- 2. Un to the wea-ry and to the burden'd, He hath said, "I will give you rest;"
- 2. Then let us always heed His commandments, Ever in good works have a part;



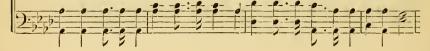


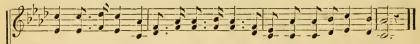
I'll be a light and guide to thy pathway, I'll be a shepherd to them all. In - to His arms O then He will take you, Safe-ly to rest upon His breast. Waiting in patience'till Je - sus calls you, To dwell with all the pure in heart.





Blessed prom-i-ses Je - sus hath left us, While we are journeying in his way;





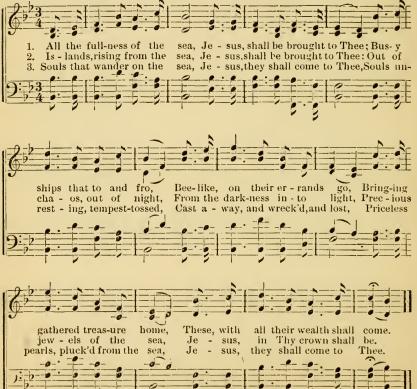
Look, then to Je-sus, ev - er day by day, Then from him you will never stray.



Till Safe in Heaven.







Fight the Fight.

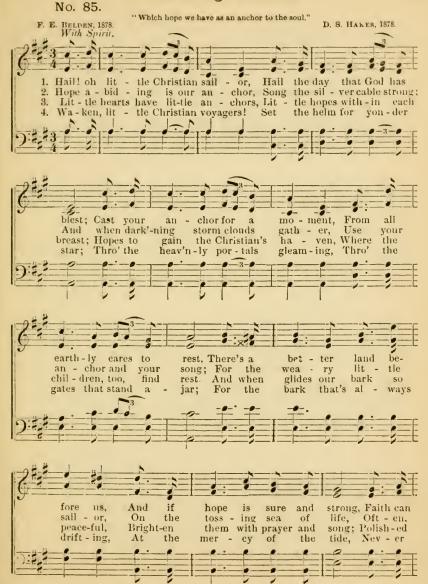


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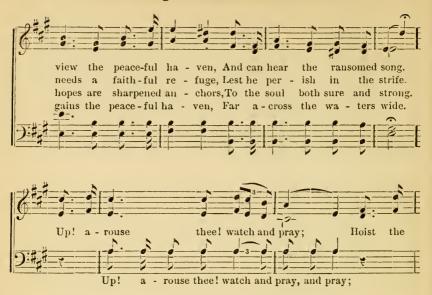
"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



The Song Anchor.



The Song Anchor. Concluded.







As Pants the Wearied Hart.

No. 86.

"Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul for Thee, O God."

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I will Come to Thee.



Thanksgiving Day.

No. 88.



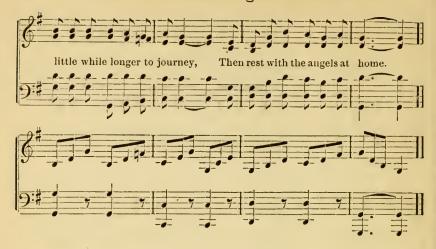
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"For the wind passeth over it and it is gone."





96 A Little While Longer. Concluded.

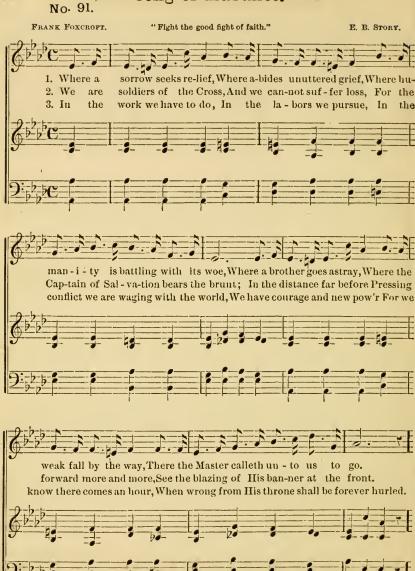


A New Heart.

No. 90.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." (INFANT SCHOOL.) ANON. Rev. G. G. PHIPPS. Scholar. 1. I'm but a lit-tle child, mamma, Howman - y sins have I? Can 2. "But you have always loved me so, And called me lit - tle dear, I'm 3. "Can God give me an-oth - er heart, And take the bad That Teacher. try? When re-mem-ber all my sins, And count them, if year." sure I've not been naughty more Than ten times in But may nev - er naughty be, And love Him eve - ry day?" Yes.





Song of Advance. Concluded.



When the lamp of life grows dim, We will follow after Him, In the darkness just the same as in the

Though we have not strength to see, We will trust that it is He, Close behind his footsteps pressing thro' the night.

Chorus.—On, on, on, &c.

When we've finished with the world, When the battle-flags are furled,

[home:

We will sing such songs of praise, in the Through the everlasting days, [light: As shall fill the court of Heaven to its dome.

Chorus.

On, on, on the years are sweeping, And Eternity is near, Then the Cross shall be laid down, And our heads shall wear the crown, And its gleaming jewels are the souls won here.

Christmas Eve.

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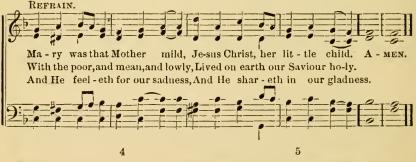
Christmas Eve. Concluded.



No. 93.







And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love, For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in Heaven above.

REF. And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see Him; but in heaven Set at God's right hand on high; REF. Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around. Amen.

To-day, our Saviour, Christ, is born. 103 No. 94.

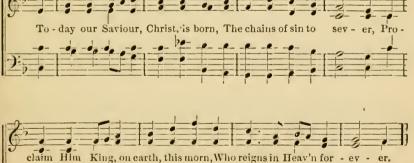
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

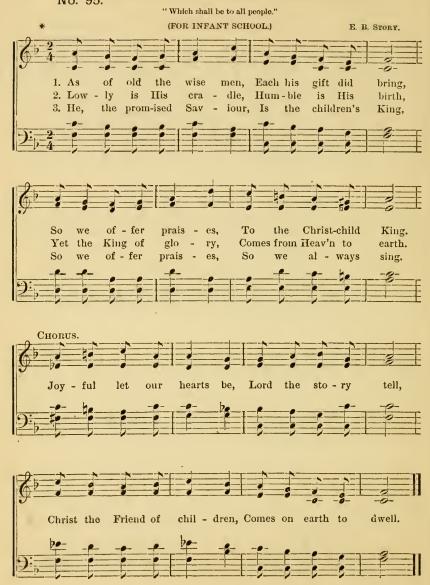
G. C. G.

E. B. Story.

1. Ring forth in joy-ful car-ol-ings, Ye mer-ry chiming bells, While 2. Ring forth, ring forth a gold-en peal, Vic-to-rious thro'the land, 'Till 3. Let men and an-gels all n-nite, To give Him homage due, And all the world of liv-ing things, Your might-y cho-rus swells. heathen realms the influence feel, And bow at His com-mand. praise His ho-li-ness and might, The end-less a - ges through.

CHORUS.





Delightful place where Jesus dwells. 105



Joy fills our inmost heart to-day.

No. 98. ANON. "I bring you tidings of great joy." E. B. STORY. 1. Joy fills our in-most heart to-day, The Roy-al child is born; And 2. Low at the cra-dle throne we bend, We wonder and a -dore, And 3. For us the world must lose its charms, Before the manger-shrine; When 4. Thou Light of un-cre - a - ted Light, Shine on us, Ho - ly Child, That glad ar-ray His ad-vent kept the an - gel hosts in Refeel no bliss can ours transcend, No joy was sweet be - fore. fold-ed in Thy mother's arms, We see Thee, babe di - vine. we may keep Thy birthday bright, With service un - de - filed. joice! rejoice! Th'In-carnate Word, Has dwell; heard-Im - man

* The small notes for accompaniment.

Hark! a Christmas Carol.

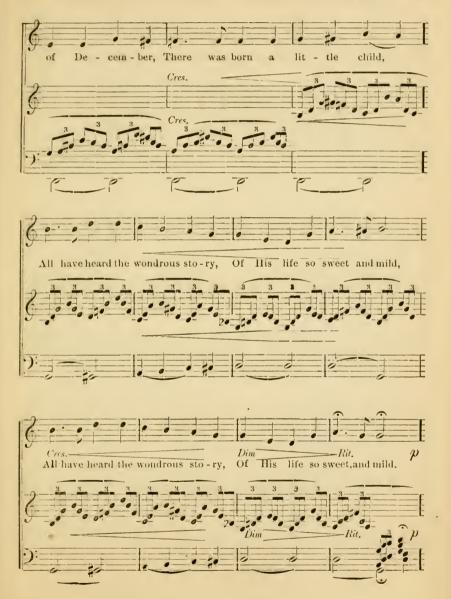
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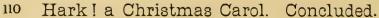


108 Hark! a Christmas Carol. Continued.



Hark! a Christmas Carol. Continued. 109



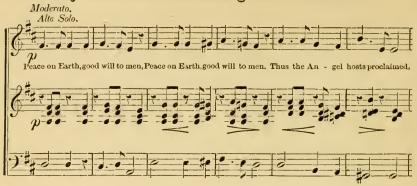




Glory to God in the Highest.



112 Glory to God in the Highest. Concluded.







A CANTATA FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

ARGUMENT.

SCENE I.

Malus, in sympathy with public opinion in Philippi, condemns Paul and Silas, while Lydia and her children commend them. Anchises enters, and listens to the songs of the recently baptized Christian family. At length, Malus asserts that if Christ died and was buried, He could not be alive. This calls forth some of the proofs of his rising from the dead, with the singing of a hymn. Malus further objects to the cross-bearing belief of the Christians, as they sing; still the youths are glad to listen.

SCENE II.

Lydia fears a tumult. Officers arrest Paul and Silas, they are accused, scourged and imprisoned. Lydia and family believe that God will help them. Malus and Anchises doubt. Malus proposes a test to Lydia and children. Andrew gives a test to Malus and Anchises which they accept. Suddenly they are startled by singing in the prison. Lydia's faith is strengthened. Third and Fourth Citizens have no faith. First and Second Citizens believe, Suddenly there is a great earthquake. Prayer is answered, Malus and Anchises believe. The Jailor seeks Paul and Silas, brings them out of prison, and confesses Christ. Some of the incidents of the Scripture record are rehearsed, and the effects of Paul's midnight singing. Paul gives the praise to God.

CHARACTERS:

LYDIA, a Jewish proselyte, who became a Christian convert.

JUDITH,

HONORIA, SALOME, RUTH. daughters of Lydia, converts.

ANDREW, sons of Lydia, converts.

MALUS, a Roman lad, son of a priest.

ANCHISES, a Roman lad, son of a magistrate.

PAUL, the Apostle.

SILAS, his companion.

First and Second Citizens, converted Jews.

Third and Fourth Citizens, Romans.

Magistrates, Jailor, Officers, Prisoners, and Public Crier, Romans.

Place, Philippi, a Roman colonial city of Macedonia. Time A.D. 53. Scripture basis, Acts 16: 12-40.

LYDIA.

SCENE I.

LYDIA and her children assembled at home, after listening to Paul's teachings, and confessing Christ at the place of prayer.

(Enter MALUS flushed and excited.)

MALUS. Hail, good friends!

CHILDREN. Welcome, friend Malus!
MALUS. Have you heard the news?

CHILDREN. What news?

MALUS. Not heard the news, about the Jews?

CHILDREN. The Jews?

MALUS. Two men, called Paul and Silas, being Jews,

Are flooding the city with their views.

RUTH. To condemn be not so ready, My mother Lydia, this good lady.

Knows well that what Paul says, true is.

MALUS (aside). Fie! fie! what a great pity, Too many fools in this Philippi!

(Then to Ruth). My learned father, priest of Jupiter,

In a twinkling, could teach her better; She'd quickly see

How wise is he!

SALOME. He may be wise, he may be strong,— Praise doth to only One belong!

JAIRUS. He may be learned, he may be brave,— But only One our souls can save!

MALUS (angry). Jupiter could kill you with a thunder bolt!

Andrew. Your saying doth not make it so, If I were you, I would go,

And listen to men of God, And learn of things I did not know,

Before condemning so.
God spake in former times
By prophets, now by His Son.
Who can answer Paul? not one!

MALUS (scoffingly). Ha! ha! what need we to answer or listen. He is in disgrace,—will be in prison.

(Enter PAUL and SILAS.)

Honoria. If he ever goes to prison,

'Twill be for preaching Christ is risen!

JUDITH. Christ is risen, Christ is risen! I would sing thus in a prison!

E. LESLIE.

MALUS (aside). If you are so rash, I trow,
To prison you will surely go!
Your faith our rulers do not receive,
And it is more than I can believe,
Priests and temples casting down,
How our mighty gods would frown!

(Enter ANCHISES.)

Anchises. Peace to thee, lady, and to you, good friends.

Lydia and Children. Welcome Anchises, tarry thou with us, our good Paul and Silas will listen while we sing.

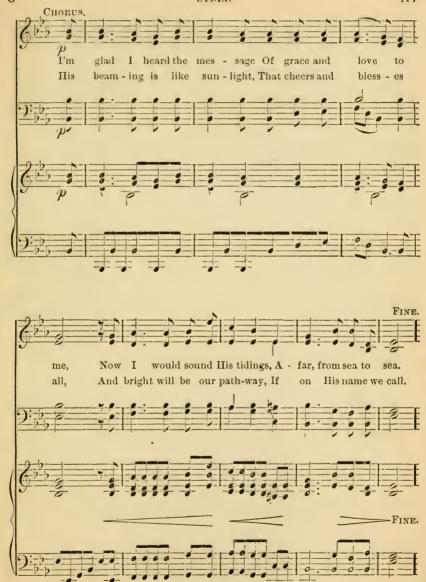
RUTH. O yes, and we will sing a lovely story, Of the Lord of life and glory.

HE CAME, THE LOVING SAVIOUR.











MALUS (to Paul.)
PAUL.

How can He win to life, good sir! First we must remember well, If we would in heaven dwell, For the evil we have done, Some one must for us atone.

MALUS (excitedly.)

I have been taught, if we pay money to the priest, worship the gods, and obey them, the evil we do is forgotten, and we go to the happy country when we die.

SALOME.

O no, for the evil we have done,
Some one must for us atone,
And there was no one of worth
Could be found in heaven or earth;
Since we did not God obey,
None could the hand of Justice stay,
Till from above a Saviour came,
Jesus is his lovely Name,—
Meaning that He'll save from sin,
And His safe fold gather in:—
'Tis His love, to life doth win!
Washing us from guilt and sin!
Jesus! Name above all other!
Loveliest Name! and my mother
Says, He's kindest Elder Brother!
Never'll find you such another!

RUTH.

Anchises (doubtfully). I do not see,

How that true can be!

(Then to LYDIA.)
Good lady, is it possible—
May I ask, if you in truth,

(As I learn from the damsel Ruth) Give harbour to the Jewish Paul,—Do you countenance him at all?

LYDIA (to Anchises). Son, it is true,

I'm glad to say I do. Why do you complain

If I, of my abundance, entertain These men so like angelic train?

Anchises (to Lydia). A divining maiden, thou must know, Future things could clearly show:—

By her art, all things she knew—And from crowds much money drew.

JAIRUS. That is true, and she found time In her mission sublime.

To follow Paul and the Christians
As they went to prayer,
And by patronizing, mock them,

When they were there.

Honoria. She followed them, day after day,
And crying aloud these words, would say:

"These men are the servants of the Most High God, which shew unto us the way of salvation."

Anchises (to Honoria). And so say you!

And believe it is true!
Why, then, object
To her, why not respect
Her good intention?

Andrew (to Anchises). It was malice aforethought,—

Her design dissension; Satanic divination,

LYDIA.

As ever, evil brought. Once or twice might well suffice, And would have been unnoticed,

But day after day, To cry aloud in the way,

Anchises (to Lydia).

Jairus (to Anchises.)

Called forth indignant protest.
Your Jewish friend, I still must blame.
If you had seen her

If you had seen her Strange demeanor, On ill purpose bent,

Loud-voiced and impudent,
To bring reproach and shame
Upon Christ's holy Name,
Good Paul you would not blame.

Anchises (to Jairus).

But my father and some others, Acquired riches by this damsel, They were lawful confederates,

And I wish you to know, And to learn,

That your friend at one blow.

Demolished the whole concern!

LYDIA. Son, follow thou no doubtful calling,

Lest come like defeat, appalling!

Now shall my children sing once more!

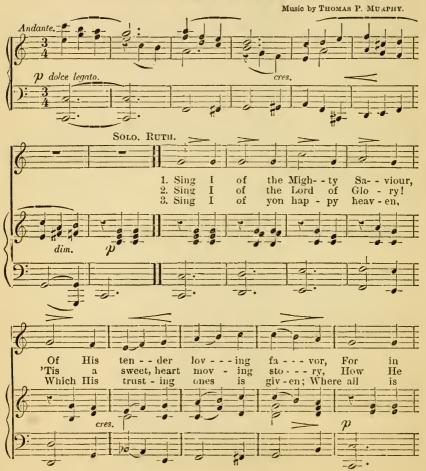
RUTH. Shall I go on, with my little song,

I promise thee, it is not long!

Anchises. I'm in love with thy sweet singing, From thy heart joy is upspringing—

Go on, go on, and sing thou long.

SING I OF THE MIGHTY SAVIOUR.





Malus. Sing again! Anchises. Yes, once again.







Malus. Let me explain—you are wrong!

The Roman Records have proof strong,
That He was buried in a tomb,
Rock closed, safe sealed in gloom.
Why then about him do you strive,

As if He could be still alive?

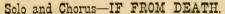
Paul. Bright angels rolled the rock away,
Christ was the Life—no more death's prey!
Then after His God-like arising,
He appeared, His friends surprising!

Silas. Only to friends did He appear,
Their sad hearts to bless and cheer.

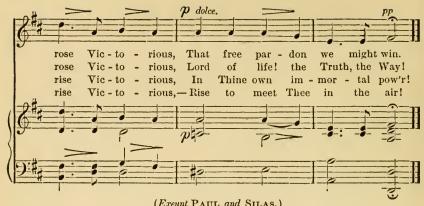
LYDIA. He was seen by friends, at least five hundred, Who believed with joy, and wondered.

Paul. And I Paul saw the Lord after he'd risen,
I who fear no bonds or prison.

Lydia (and Children). These all are witnesses to-day,
Of the truth of what we say,
He is the Lord of Life and Glory!
Sing we the risen Saviour's story!







(Exeunt PAUL and SILAS.)

MALUS (with emotion.)

It is a pity, In this our city, These things were ever told! How can I afford To believe in your Lord? My faith must not lessen my gold!

I would soon be a pauper, receiving What you say of Christian believing! More is the pity,

ANDREW.

If, in Philippi, These things cannot be told:

RUTH AND JAIRUS.

We can afford To trust in the Lord, E'en to the losing of our gold! Only thus are we children of God,

And can share in His promised reward. MALUS. Can you bear the world's cold eyes? Bear that crowds should you despise?

RUTH. I can bear it, I can brook

Worldly frown and coldest look; If my heart is warm

And to Jesus true, It is little harm Cold looks can do!

What if, in vain should be your toil; ANCHISES. What if the mob your goods despoil? JAIRUS. O that would be too great a pity!

And we'd remove from this your city.

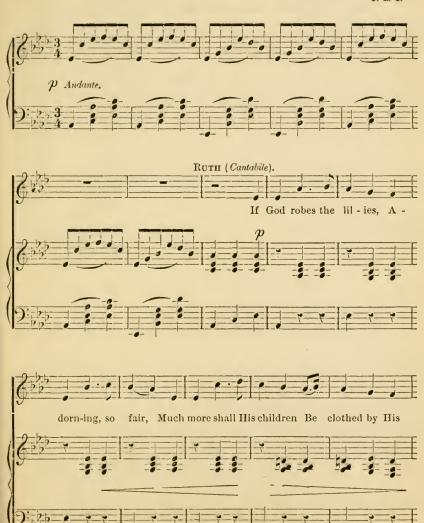
RUTH. And not like the good Paul, Work on all the faster, Joyfully take it all,

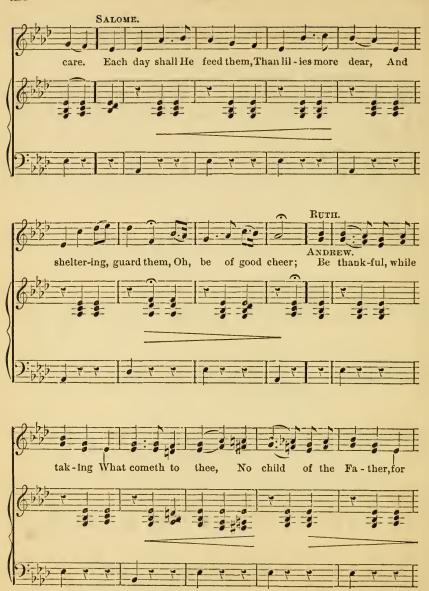
From love to the Master! Well spoken, my little Ruth!

LYDIA. I see you mean to hold to the truth! Now children sing for us the song of trust.

Solo and Duet-IF GOD ROBES THE LILIES.

J. E. T.





SALOME.



MALUS (wiping his eyes). I like to hear you sing,
That is what I believe in.
I suppose father would think it folly,
But I think it just the thing!
Anchises (to Ruth.) Getting tired? don't give o'er,
Sing again, sing for us more.

Solo and Chorus—KIND IS MY GOOD SHEPHERD.





SCENE II.

A balcony adjoining the prison, overlooking the Market-Place. Time a few days later, at night.

(Enter Lydia and her children, Paul and Silas, Malus and Anchises.)

Lydia (aside). I fear the turn events are taking, And that a tunult is awaking.

I grieve to think what may befall Our godly teacher, learned Paul.

Anohises (to Lydia). Grieve not, lady. These men deserve not your noble sympathy. Our rulers will teach them that we do not

MALUS (to Anchises). need them.
The idea of them.

The idea of these men teaching us their religion, when we have a host of gods, and armies of priests. Our priests abhor this faith, which reproves them, and is founded on one Jesus, whom Paul says is alive.

Anchises (to Lydia and Malus). But my father and others lost heavily, when Paul cast out the spirit from the maid.

Lydia. Yet Paul opened her eyes,

That before were blind, The dread bonds of Satan, Through Christ, did unbind.

MALUS (aside).

And left her employers without her gains. There is a great stir about it. Our magistrates are determined to stop such reekless deeds. Paul teaches a ruinous religion, and the good people of our city, which patterns after Rome, will not endure it.

LYDIA (to Paul and Silas).

s). Can it be that you, O men of God,
Will suffer from the Roman rod?
You, good citizens and free,
Suffer the slave's indignity?
If our Lord permits it to be,

PAUL.

From stripes and bonds we would not flee, Bonds and a prison may await,

God's witnesses, or soon or late.
'Tis thus our Lord is wide made known,
'Tis thus broadcast His truth is sown.

SILAS.

Yes we will thankfully rejoice, If, while we suffer, truth hath voice!

(Enter Roman officers, who, seizing PAUL and SILAS, lead them off to the Market-Place.)

LYDIA.

Alas, alas, good men and brave, O that I had the power to save! O what will become of them?

LYDIA'S (children).
ANCHISES.

See now! Look over in the Market-Place. As I live, they have brought Paul and Silas before the rulers. There, the magistrates are assembled, my father Mutius among them, in the place of hearing. That tall, large man is my father. He is the sternest of Romans, and when he gets his anger stirred, he is as ernel as a wounded wild beast!

RUTH.

But Paul and Silas are God's men, true.

And no cruel thing to them, must your father do!

(Exit MALUS for the Market-Place.)

J. E. T.

Andrew. O see the crowds and the tumult!

Jairus. Listen! there is the Public Crier!

ALL.

Listen! listen!

CRIER (with a loud voice.) These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

Andrew.

What a wily accusation!

JAIRUS. How dare they arrest men who have the rights of Roman citizens?

ANDREW. And it is well known that, the greatest cause of their offending,

Was from the maid the demon sending!

RUTH. The people are angry, and the magistrates tear off their outer garments!

MAGISTRATES (loudly). Go lictors; strip off their garments, let them be scourged!

LYDIA (wringing her hands in grief). O, O, fell day of woe!

How can they beat these good men so?

Solo—FATHER ABOVE.







ANCHISES.

It seems to me,

That you all agree,
In this your strange believing!
If your God is God,

And strong is His word,
I must some time receive Him.
But as yet He does not hear,

And you may well fear That He possibly never will;

For the lictors beat your poor friends still!

HONORIA. Joy, joy, the bloody work is o'er,

See, now they beat our friends no more.

But see! where do those minions rough

So speedily bear them off!

Anchises. They bear them off to dungeons dark,
Where, for music, their chains will clank!

Lydia. In God their Maker they delight,
He who giveth songs at night,
He is with them, you'll behold
How He helps believers hold!

(Enter MALUS.)

MALUS. Helps them? Does it look like that? The rulers have cast them into prison, loaded them with irons, and

RUTH. charged the jailor to keep them safely!

O Malus! do you side with their persecutors?

Well, you see, little lady, I am not ready to take the consequences of siding with you. I confess that I stood
by and held the garments of the men that beat Paul and
Silas. The mob was furious, and you ought to be glad

that your friends are safe sheltered in prison!

RUTH. But it is all so unjust and cruel!

Mother, does God know and see it all?

Yes, child of my heart. He does know and see all, and you dear ones, mark my words, He will answer prayer and save them.

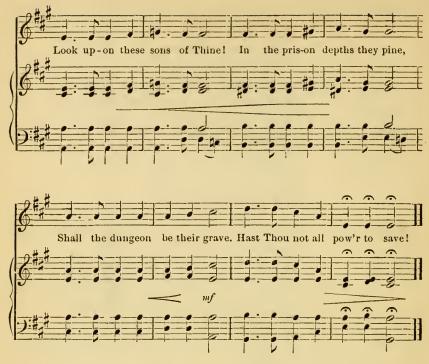
Recitative—"THINE ALL POWER, BLESSED ONE."

(PRAYER.)

J. E. T.

LYDIA AND CHILDREN (Unison.)





HONORIA.

Now the mob has gone, and we are alone,

SALOME.

We'll patiently wait, while the night grows late.

LYDIA.

JUDITH.

MALUS.

We'll pray and sing, to the Mighty King. We'll wait and pray, till the dawn of day,

We cannot go home, till our friends with us come.

And my strong faith Cheerily saith,

Pray on, never fear,

Our Helper is near!

JAIRUS.

But, O mother we have prayed! And the answer is delayed!

True you have prayed,

But your faith is afraid; Which shows you are wrong;

Now I simply ask you To be honest and true;

And if no aid from heaven,

In answer to your prayer is given,

I ask this agony you'll not prolong,

ANCHISES.

But own we're right, and you are wrong! Yes, own we're right, and you are wrong!

LYDIA (and children). Renounce the Lord!
Doubt His faithful Word!
Never, O never,
We will trust Him forever!

He is Almighty, and He will deliver!

ANDREW (to Malus and Anchises). Will you too,

Be honest and true,
And if to us from God in heaven,
Answer to our prayer be given;
Will you relent,
Of sin repent,

And come to Christ believing?

Malus and Anchises. It is safe to agree,
For no answer there'll be!

LYDIA (and children). Watch you, and see!

(Suddenly triumphant singing is heard from PAUL and SILAS in prison.)

Solo-O COULD WE SHOW OUR LOVE. J. E. T. PAUL and SILAS (Unison). could we 0 2. For all Thy Molto Allegro. -6 ful show our love. praise, Thee Lord, in joy and We praise Thee at the lov - ing help - ful pow - er.







MALUS.

O what singing,

In the prison ringing!

Anchises.

Can it be Paul and Silas? No! for they languish,

In ceaseless anguish,

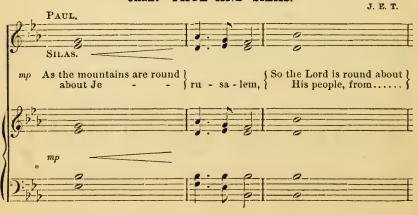
MALUS.

The men that would despoil us!

But, 'tis these men, on their Lord calling!

Our religion is down-falling, Before this singing so appalling!

Chant-PAUL AND SILAS.









MALUS (with faltering voice). Did you hear that singing? To think of men dying of their wounds in prison, rousing up at midnight, and singing like the angels, when the city is asleep! I wish father, and our priests were here!

Anchises (aside). What if Paul and Silas were right and we were wrong? What if Jesus should prove to be Lord of Life and Glory, as they sing! (to Anchises). I'll go and wake father and see how he explains this strange mystery!

how he explains this str Anchises. O no, stay and see

The end of this mystery, It may safer be For you and me.

Till break of day.

Malus. It may be well to stay
With these that pray,

PAUL and SILAS heard chanting 23d Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd."





(Enter Citizens.)

FIRST CITIZEN. What! at midnight joyful singing,

Through those noisome dungeons ringing!

SECOND CITIZEN. Pris'ners thrust in wan and bleeding,

Stripes and wounds are now unheeding!

LYDIA (joyfully). Our good friends the Lord is blessing,

For Him steadfastly confessing.

THIRD CITIZEN.

I thought there was an end Of Paul (and his preaching),

Beaten and imprisoned,

For heretical teaching,

But instead of sighs or quailing,

His strange joy is still unfailing.

FOURTH CITIZEN. What a shameful pity!

To wake up the city

In a way so ungainly.

When honest people are sleeping.

That Paul, a sad case is,

It's plain that he base is,

(If, indeed he can sane be!)

Why does not the jailor see

That he is in safe keeping!

FIRST CITIZEN.

Never yet was heard such singing,

Through the prison arches ringing! SECOND CITIZEN.

No harm in Paul! He simply heard God's call!

His comrade too, is brave;-

Yet in the stocks they did confine them-

Did in the inner prison bind them! Will their God save

These men so brave?

LYDIA. Yes, as weary hours grow longer,

Now at midnight sing they stronger.

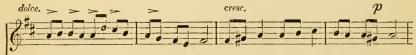
Solo and Duet-HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE.





- 1. Holding forth the word of Life, Bless-ed Mas ter, kin dled strife!
- 2. Scatter'd wide, some seed is found, Springing fruit ful, from good ground!





Still Thy promise till the end, Is, Thy lab'-rers to befriend.

These, the plants of high re-nown, Shall the sow-er's la-bors crown.





LYDIA.

Paul and Silas in the prison, Honor thus the Saviour risen.

JAIRUS.

Serving God with faith endearing, Wrath of man they are not fearing!

FOURTH CITIZEN.

Wrath of man! 'tis the Roman power! Do they dare it in this hour;

Dream they vain, that this Philippi-Second Rome-will show them pity, If thus singing they do cry on, Each shall feed a hungry lion!

LYDIA (and children). For man's favor were they suing, That would be their soul's undoing!

PAUL AND SILAS CHANT.



FOURTH CITIZEN.

Steps to stop this must be taken!

PRISONERS.

They will all the prisoners waken! Waked long since with joy we listen, Glad to worship in the prison!

THIRD CITIZEN (aside to companions).

Sure there is no end

To Paul and his preaching! To our temples no friend

By singing the pris'ners teaching! The simple adore him,

And praising, implore him To sing o'er his foes:

And unless we interpose, He'll sweep all before him!

FOURTH CITIZEN (aside to companion).

In the darkness of night, How strange his delight, In the evil he has done. No sign of relenting, Nor yet of repenting;

He boasts of victory won! With the first dawn of day I'll to the rulers away!

Sure he plots against the throne.

RUTH (to Lydia).

LYDIA.

While they pray, they praises offer, As if thankful thus to suffer. Yes, this cup they're glad partaking, Earthly treasures quite forsaking; Like Christ, for them have no yearning. To the world plan no returning.

Duet-DEAR LORD, WE WOULD PRAISE AND BLESS THEE.







Loose bonds and fetters, barr'd doors break! To save us now



ANCHISES.

What a sweeping, wide petition, For prisoners in their condition!

FIRST CITIZEN. SECOND.

We shall hear from their true faith now;

The Lord He is God! His heaven He'll bow!

(Suddenly there is a low rumbling sound heard, like distant thunder. There is a great earthquake, which, shaking the foundations of the prison, opens the doors and sets the prisoners free. After the shock there is a solemn hush of a few moments, as if all were in silent prayer.

LYDIA.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear

Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

HONORIA.

How great is the Lord, how infinite His power! Who weighs the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. Who taketh up the isles as a very little thing! Who looketh upon the earth and it trembleth!

MALUS, ANCHISES (and Citizens who have been speechless in terror).

O what means that fearful quaking?

FIRST AND SECOND CITIZENS. God, His cause while vindicating, Sent resistless earthquake's shaking.

MALUS (to Lydia, deeply moved). God has answered: I relent, Pray He'll help me to repent.

LYDIA (tenderly).

In the Lord do thou confide, And have no other trust beside.

MALUS (joyfully).

f tremblingly heard The earthquake's word. Now, by faith, I Christ receive, With all my heart I Him believe; And I'll publish His Name, Through reproach and shame. ANCHISES (cheerily).

Now this grace to us is given,

(More gravely).

To know, God answereth from heaven!

May idols perish! I Him believe, His blessed Son I do receive!

LYDIA.

In heaven, the angels glad rejoice,

As they behold your happy choice!

THIRD CITIZEN.

Sure, my religion is an error! Of God's earthquake I'm in terror! Suddenly its ponderous treading,

Through the city pallor spreading! Open wide the prison leaving,

ANDREW.

Its foundations firm upheaving.

(Enter JAILOR.)

JAILOR.

Prison open! Prisoners fled! Merciful Powers! Where's my sword! I am a ruined man, I must die in dishonor!

PAUL (in a loud voice).

JAILOR.

Do thyself no harm; we are all here! All here, good Paul! have none fled? I truly thought away they'd sped! I perceive, sirs, by this token,

Ye are men of God, and He hath spoken!

Yours surely is a holy will Returning good, where I gave ill!

(Then seizing a light he hastens and falling down before Paul and Si'as earnestly asks).

Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

PAUL.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved!

JAILOR.

(The Jailor brings them out of prison). May God help me to believe, And this word of truth receive,

This night's terror Showed me my error: The quaking earth My sins set forth.

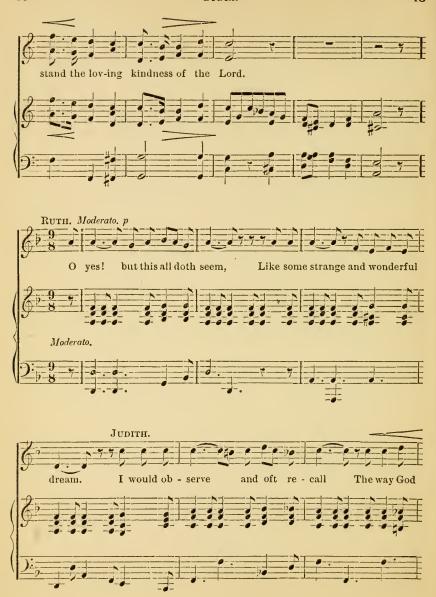
And, too your singing in the prison, Hath shown me Christ in truth is risen! I praise Him that He doth forgive; In His blest shadow, may I live. Ye servants of the Living God. I would be faithful to His word: Come to my house, as it is meet, I'll wash your stripes, and ye shalt eat, Forgive my cruel guilt and sin, When rude, I last eve, thrust you in.

PAUL

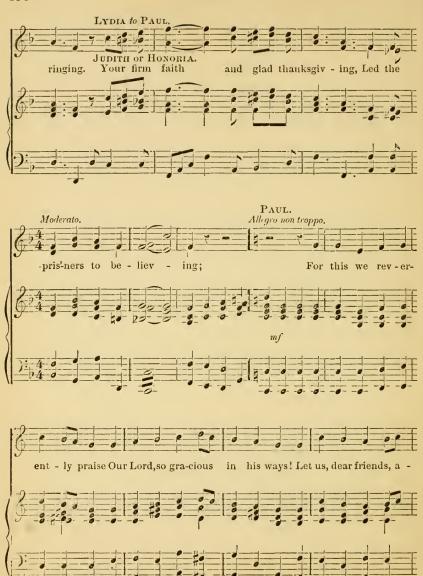
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Finale-O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD.

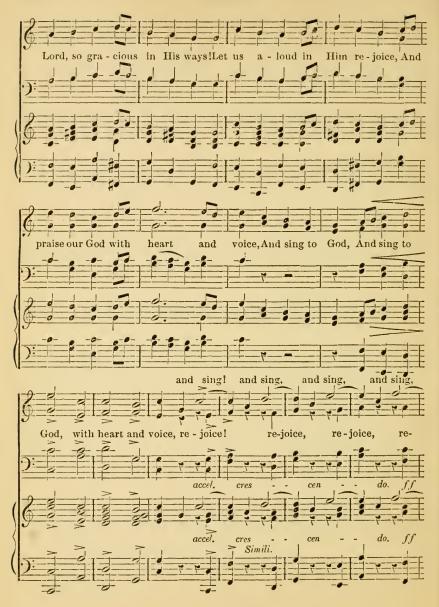














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